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Cracow, April 25.

THE Dyet having had so happy a conclusion to the satisfaction of all good men, his Majesty, pursuant to the resolutions that were there taken, is making the necessary preparations against the approaching Campagne, which, according to his Majesties intentions, will be begun in a month or six weeks, orders having been sent to all the general Officers, and others, to make themselves ready to march. In the mean time it hath been resolved by the King and the Senate, to send an Ambassador to *Mosco*, as well to Complement the young Czar upon the death of his Father, as to endeavor to dispose those Ministers to a sincere compliance with the promises and obligations they lie under to assist this Crown against the common Enemy the *Turks*, of whose great preparations we have had frequent accounts during the Winter; but at present the Letters from the Port speak not so big, and even assure us, that the Grand Signior will not go into the Field this Summer with the Army, and that it is even questioned whether the Grand Visier will be in person with it. We are told that the King has desired His Majesty of *Great Britain* to be Godfather to the young Princess of which the Queen lately Lay in of.

Venice, April 26. The last week we had Letters of the 10 of *March* from *Constantinople*, which tell us, That the Grand Signior remained at *Adrianople*, diverting himself frequently with Hunting in those parts: And that a new Seraglio was there building for the Women, which is an argument of the Grand Signiors intention to continue his residence there, and not to return to *Constantinople*. On Wednesday last parted hence Cavalier *Foscari*, to take possession of his command of Captain of the Gulf.

Madrid, April 26. Their Majesties continue with the whole Court at *Aranjues*, and as yet there is no thought of their return hither till about the middle of the next Month. There is some talk of the Kings journey to *Arragon*, which is very much desired by the States of that Kingdom, but without any certainty. Here are still frequent reports spread abroad of *Don Juan* of *Austria*'s being sent for to Court, and sometimes they will have it, that he is already come to Town privately, but they are all without the least ground, his Highness continuing at *Saragosa*, without any appearance of removing from thence. We are not without a concern for *Catalonia*; for every body says, that that Countrey is not in a posture to make head against the French, who will attack it with a good body of an Army this Summer, under the command of the Duke of *Navailles*.

Vienna, April 28. The Regiments which were quartered in *Bohemia*, and those parts, are marched towards the *Rhine*, to the Rendezvous of the Imperial Army, which is to be the beginning of the next month near *Hailbron*. It was, as we are informed, agreed some months since at the *Hague*, by the Ministers of the Allies, that their Troops should before this time have besieged *Stade*; and that when the place was taken, it should be put into the hands of the Emperor, till such time it should be finally agreed to whose repartition that place should belong; but since we understand, that the *Confederates* have fallen from this agreement, and that that is the reason why the siege is delayed. Two days since arrived here an Express from the Elector of *Saxony*, but on what errand we as yet know not.

Straburgh, May 6. The Imperial Troops begin to march towards the *Rhine*, their Rendezvous being appointed near *Lauterburgh*. The Troops of the Duke of *Lorrain* are this day arrived at *Offemburg*, three Leagues from hence, having orders to continue their march from thence to *Lauterburgh*. The Duke of *Lorrain* is arrived in the Camp before *Philipsburgh*, which is at present sufficiently blocked up on all sides; but as yet we cannot learn whether the *Imperialists* intend to besiege it in form, it being rather believed that the Duke of *Lorrain* will endeavor to fall into *Lorrain* with his Army. We have had several reports here this last week as if the Emperor was dangerously ill, though our last Letters from *Vienna* only told us, that his Imperial Majesty was a little indisposed, to which his affliction for the death of the Empress, had, it's believed, very much contributed.

Philipsburgh, May 6. Several Troops as well of the Emperor, as of the Circles, have within these four or five dayes passed the *Neckar*, and taken their quarters between that River and the *Rhine*. A considerable Body is likewise come from *Lauterburgh* to *Rousheim*. The 2*d* instant, Prince *Herman* of *Baden*, and Major General *Vermuller*, advanced with 1000 Horse and Dragoons, and 1500 Foot, into the Plain of *Graben*, and with two Squadrons of Horse and Dragoons, passed below the Mill over the Rivulet, and having from a Hill hard by, observed our situation and strength on that side, they retired again. We seem threatned with a siege, but are so well provided with all things necessary, that we are not much concerned thereat. We have news here, that the Imperial Army will not hold its general Rendezvous till the 20 of the next month. We are not so blocked up, but that we still receive frequently fresh Provisions out of the neighbouring Countrey.

Brisac, May 7. The *French* Troops are now on their march from their several quarters towards *Schlestadt*, where they will have a general Rendezvous about the 20 of this month, in the mean time the Train of Artillery is preparing here, to be conducted thither. We are told that the Elector Palatine draws his Troops together, with design to attack the Fort, which lies opposite to *Philipsburgh*.

Hamburgh, May 10. We have been long in expectation of hearing that the siege of *Stade* was actually begun, and our advices of late from *Lunenburg* have been still of that purport, but hitherto the place only remains blocked up. All our Letters from *Sweden* continue to tell us, that the *Swedes* apply themselves with all the diligence possible for the hastening out their Fleet, upon which so much depends in relation to their affairs in *Pomeren*, seeing they cannot Transport any Succors thither, which